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Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 26, 2005 was filed before the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on February 8, 2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. However, there is a typo mistake on reference "AJ" listed on form PTO-1449 as "96191182.4", it is now correctly identified as "CN1166223". The reference "AA" (U.S. 6,081,785) is considered as the concise statement of reference "AJ". Although the IDS refers to submission of a) a full or partial English language translation and b) a foreign patent office action (in the English language), those submissions are missing and have not been considered.

2. The information disclosure statement filed February 10, 2005 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because it was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on February 8, 2005 and it lacks certification and fee. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 ¶ C(1).

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dieu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3873. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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